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Call for Participation | Pelion Summer Lab 2023 “Eco/o/ntologies”

This summer we will be hosting the 5th Pelion Summer Lab for Cultural Theory and Experimental Humanities (PSL), an initiative of the Laboratory of Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly, with the support of the Experimental Humanities Collaborative Network (EHCN).

The aim of this **10-day program** is to convene an interdisciplinary group of graduate students, researchers, artists, activists and cultural producers from fields such as anthropology, history, sociology, interdisciplinary arts, gender studies, cultural and new media studies intensive exchange and exploration regarding the pressing problems and questions of our worlds.

This year’s theme **Ec/o/ntologies**, explores how debates, methods, and epistemologies informing the emergent interdisciplinary field of Environmental Humanities might help retool collective responses to the dire planetary exigencies of the mounting climate crisis. Experiments in commoning and mutuality indebted to feminist, anticolonial, indigenous and black genealogies of thought and practice will be explored in conversation with local natural resource struggles.

What: Centered around a public symposium entitled “**Strange Weather: Ecologies of Resistance and Repair**”, the PSL program will culminate in a public experiment designed by the cohort: a **sound-based geolocated walk** developed through collaborative storytelling.

Who: Artists, activists and academics confirmed so far: Olga Cielemecka (Eastern Finland), Gene Ray (Geneva University of Art and Design), Tom Western (University College London), Vivien Sansour (Bard), Ismini Gatou (Aegean), Anthrobombing (Thessaly), Cine-Doc Volos, “Free Water” Assembly Stagiates, Penelope Papailias (Thessaly), George Mantzios (Toronto).

Where: The historic building of the former primary school in **Makrinitza**, Pelion, Greece.

Eligibility: MA students, doctoral candidates, recent PhDs, independent researchers, artists, early career scholars and, in special cases, advanced undergraduate students.

Application: Applications submitted online [here](#). Deadline **April 10th, 2023**.

Fees: No tuition. A **150€** administrative fee, payable to *Kosmopolitik: Network for Social Research and Public Action*. We hope to be able to provide needs-based partial scholarships.

Expenses: Participants are responsible for expenses related to travel to Makrinitza and lodging. Discounted rates are available to PSL participants at local hotels.

Information: For more details, please visit the [PSL website](#), or contact the organizing committee at pelionsummerlab@gmail.com.